

Mr. Speaker, this is my first term; and if I serve just this one term, or 20 more, I hope to display just one ounce, one thimbleful, of the dignity and grace and wisdom of the senior Senator from New York.

Godspeed, Senator MOYNIHAN.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOUGHTON. Senator, it is hard for me to stand up here and talk to you, of all people, who are so eloquent and has given so many wonderful and meaningful things to us over the years.

Also I think of the words of John Lord O'Brien, who you remember was the great lawyer from Buffalo and was the head of probably the greatest law firm in the history of the country, which was the War Production Board during World War II. Somebody was saying very nice things about him one time, and he says, "I accept that and I appreciate it. The problem I have is not inhaling them."

You have had so many nice things said about you, I know it must be very difficult. But as you know, no one person is indispensable, clearly you nor I nor anyone around here. But if anyone comes close to indispensability, it is you.

I think of that wonderful story that Archibald McLeash told at one time. He was talking to a group of students, and one of the students said at the end of the lecture, "Mr. McLeash, would you try to sum up what you have said?" And he said, "Yes, I will try." He said, "Don't forget the thing." And the student said, "What do you mean, Mr. McLeash, by 'the thing'?"

Mr. McLeash said, "I will tell you what 'the thing' is. You know, so many times in life we judge ourselves, are we a Congressman, a Senator, a head of this or in charge of that, what we do. The thing is not what we do, but what we are." And what you are and what you are to us and will continue to be, this is not a finite thing, it is more than I can express.

Obviously there are things that are important to me, what you have done in terms of our transportation in upstate New York, Route 17 or I-86, to be exact, extraordinary. Not only have you been able to do things which have really helped and opened up what could be an economic wasteland, and is not because of your efforts; but you put it all in perspective, such as many times in discussions we have, going away back, 30, 40 years, Governor Dewey and some of the things he was trying to do. It was very, very helpful.

I also remember being I think it was in the Cannon Caucus Room when Bob

Dole decided he was going to step out of the race in 1988. And who was there from the other side? It was you. You did not have to be there. I do not know whether anybody asked you, but you were there to lend support to your colleague.

Also I remember the times that we have been at Seneca Falls and the Women's Hall of Fame and the importance of women's issues in this country.

I could go on and on, but I want to go back to what Mr. McLeash said, it is what you are, rather than what you have done.

There was a wonderful statement that George Patton made to the Third Army in 1945, and it goes this way: "The highest honor I have attained is that of having my name coupled with yours in these great events." I echo that now with you, sir.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 2 minutes.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, time will not permit me to read my prepared remarks, Senator, so I will just summarize them. As a veteran of Hell's Kitchen, I went to Power Memorial High School in Hell's Kitchen, so we have that in common.

As a veteran of World War II, as a veteran of academia, as a veteran of four administrations serving as a cabinet official or sub-cabinet official, as a veteran of the U.N. and as a veteran of the United States Senate, what a career, what a life, a life that would be admired and is admired by all Americans. But especially we in New York admire you for your service to our State, to our city and to our country.

You have been an inspiration to millions of Americans, especially to the poor, for your work in dealing with the poor and helping those who are least fortunate. Really, I believe following through on the beliefs that you were taught as a young man I am sure and throughout your entire career, you have stuck to them, always looking out for the most unfortunate among us.

We are going to miss you here in Washington, but we are going to have you, we hope, a lot more back in New York where we can all cherish you as we have right now.

In the words of our ancestors, let me summarize by saying, may the road rise up to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back, your wife Liz's back, and your entire family.

God bless you, Senator.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, Senator MOYNIHAN has often said that there is no sense in being Irish unless you realize that some day, somehow, the world is going to break your heart. Well, obviously the hearts of New Yorkers are broken by the stepping down from the Senate of Senator MOYNIHAN. But, at the same time, we as New Yorkers can rejoice in the absolutely unparalleled contributions he has made to our country, to our State, and also in the fact that he is the quintessential New Yorker.

Whether it was growing up in the streets of New York, shining shoes, working on the docks, working for Governor Harriman, running for the president of the New York City Council many years ago, serving as ambassador to the U.N. in New York where he stood up for the dignity of people everywhere, where he almost single-handedly denounced the resolution against Zionism, a man who was willing to always come to the brink, to stand and fight for what was right. Certainly during the 24 years he has been in the United States Senate, he has never allowed partisanship to in any way interfere with the job that he did.

The gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT) stated that he has the privilege of being your Congressman. I got the short straw. I represented Senator D'Amato for many years as his Congressman. I remember the many conversations I had with Senator D'Amato, where he would say how you were invaluable to the Senate, how partisanship never entered into the relationship you had, going back to the very first meeting after his election you had with him in the Hotel Carlyle in Manhattan.

I remember Senator D'Amato preparing for that meeting with you, and afterwards saying, "I just met the greatest guy in the world." From that day forward you forged a close relationship.

But that really personifies the relationship you had with all the people of New York. You were always there. You were, on the one hand, always defending the institutions of the United States, but, at the same time, willing to challenge accepted thinking.

Your book *Beyond the Melting Pot* certainly redefined the importance of ethnicity in the United States, the fact that you were willing to challenge Federal programs that were not working, which certainly antagonized people on the left; but then you went against people on the right by telling them that we had much more to do to strengthen the American family, we